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FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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IN RE: APPLICATION FOR )  
EXEMPTION FROM THE )  
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS )  
FEES BY STEFAN SAVAGE )

Case No. 2:24-mc-138

This matter is before the court upon the application and request by Stefan Savage for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The court finds that Mr. Savage as, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Savage has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Savage shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of scholarly research regarding techniques for providing meaningful digital integrity checks on criminal process served electronically by major service providers.

He shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Mr. Savage and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Savage agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Mr. Savage is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases;

5. this exemption is valid until August 5, 2025.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Burlington, in the District of Vermont, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christina Reiss, Chief Judge  
United States District Court